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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

The following ten (I0) documents were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office in connection with the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,093,425.

U.S. Patent No. 5,501,857.

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To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents are enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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